

Were we to hear the found of the tumult when the slaves on board the ships attempt to kill the English, and behold the issue of those bloody conflicts :

What pious man could be a witness to these things, and see a trade carried on in this manner, without being deeply affected with sorrow ?

Through abiding in the love of Christ we feel a tenderness in our hearts toward our fellow-creatures, entangled in oppressive customs ; and a concern so to walk, that our conduct may not be a means of strengthening them in error.

It was the command of the Lord through Moses, " Thou shalt not suffer sin upon thy brother : thou shalt in anywise rebuke thy brother, and shalt not suffer sin upon him." Lev. xix. 17.

Again ; " Keep far from a false matter ; and the innocent and righteous slay thou not." Exod. xxiii. 7.

The prophet Isaiah mentions oppression as that which the true church in time of outward quiet should not only be clear of, but should be *far from it* ; " Thou shalt be far from oppression." Isaiah liv. 14. Now these words, *far from*, appear to have an extensive meaning, and to convey instruction in regard to that of which Solomon speaks, " Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not go unpunished." Prov. xvi. 5.

It was a complaint against one of old, " When thou sawest a thief, thou consentedst with him." Psal. i. 18. The